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SUBJ: FOREIGN EMBASSY PERSONNEL IN PHNOM PENH

1. VIRTUALLY ALL FOREIGN EMBASSIES IN PHNOM PENH HAVE CUT THEIR STAFFS SIGNIFICANTLY, AND SEVERAL HAVE REACHED A LEVEL AT WHICH THEY HOPE TO RIDE OUT ANY STORM. FOLLOWING IS A RUN DOWN.

2. THE BRITISH AND AUSTRALIANS WILL BY THE END OF THIS WEEK HAVE REDUCED THEIR STAFFS TO SEVEN AND FIVE RESPECTIVELY. THE INDONESIANS DEFINITELY PLAN TO RIDE THINGS OUT WITH THEIR PRESENT COMPLEMENT OF EIGHT. NONE OF THESE EMBASSIES HAVE DEPENDENTS IN THE COUNTRY.

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3. THE JAPANESE HAVE EIGHT STAFF MEMBERS AND ONE

DEPENDENT. THE KOREANS HAVE ELEVEN ON BOARD AND MAY CUT FURTHER. THE ROC REPRESENTATION WILL BE EIGHT OFFICERS AND FOUR DEPENDENTS WHEN TEN POLITICAL WARFARE COUNSELORS LEAVE FOR A "A VACTION" AT THE END OF THIS WEEK.

4. THE PHILIPPINE EMBASSY, WHICH EVACUATED OFFICIAL AND NON-OFFICIAL CITIZENS BY TWO SPECIAL FLIGHTS YESTERDAY, IS NOW LEFT WITH ONLY FOUR STAFF MEMBERS AND DO NOT PLAN TO REPLACE THIER DEPARTED AMBASSADOR. THE MALAYSIAN EMBASSY HAS EIQHT BUT MAY CUT DOWN TO FOUR. THE BURMESE AMBASSADOR HAS JUST GONE HOME ON VACATION LEAVING HIS EMBASSY STAFFED BY ONLY TWO OFFICERS.

5. THE WEST GERMANS HAVE EVACUATED THEIR JUNIOR OFFICER AND SECRETARY, LEAVING ONLY THEIR SENIOR OFFICER, A BACHELOR, WHO WILL NOW BECOME MORE CLOSELY INCORPORATED WITH THE FRENCH EMBASSY WHICH REPRESENTS FRG INTERESTS HERE. THE FRENCH ARE QUIETLY EVACUATING WIVES OF THEIR OFFICIALS BUT HAVE NOT SHARED WITH US ANY OTHER PLANS THEY MAY HAVE TO REDUCE THEIR PRESENCE. THE ISRAELIS NOW HAV A TOTAL OF EIGHT OFFICIALS AND DEPENDENTS IN PHNOM PENH, AND ARE GOING TO TWO NEXT WEEK.

6. OF DEFINITE INTEREST IS THE NUMBER OF MISSIONS WHICH ARE NOW TALKING OF NOT RPT NOT EVACUATING SHOULD THE CITY FALL. THESE INCLUDE THE BRITISH, AUSTRALIANS, WEST GERMAN AND INDONESIAN AS WELL AS THE FRENCH. THE ISRAELIES ARE TOYING WITH THE IDEA BUT WILL PROBABLY REJECT IT.

7. TO ALL THESE MISSIONS WE ARE MAKING PLAIN THAT WE HAVE NO PRESENT INTENTION TO REDUCE US MANNING LEVELS.
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